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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A copolymer composition comprising a compound having the formula:



wherein A is a thermoplastic block copolymer including a monomer $\begin{array}{c} (C)_n \\ | \\ RZ \end{array}$; B is an elastomeric block copolymer polyisobutylene including a monomer $-(D)_m$; m and n are each independent integers between 10 and 10⁷; R is an ~~anion~~ oxygen and an element selected from the group consisting of a chalcogen, nitrogen, and phosphorus; and Z is a cation; and RZ is present on over 0.7n of the monomer C in copolymer A.

2. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 1 wherein A is polystyrene.

3-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The copolymer composition of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein R is SO₃.

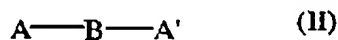
6. (Currently amended) The copolymer composition of claim 1 wherein Z is a cation compatible with R and selected from the group consisting of H, a lanthanide species, an alkaline earth metal and an ~~alkali~~ alkali metal.

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7. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 6 wherein Z is Cs.
8. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 1 further comprising a second block A bonded to block B.
9. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 1 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 1-99% of the total block copolymer.
10. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 1 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 5-90% of the total block copolymer.
11. (Original) The copolymer composition of claim 1 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 10-70% of the total block copolymer.
12. (Withdrawn – currently amended) A copolymer composition comprising a compound having the formula:



wherein A is a thermoplastic block copolymer $\begin{array}{c} (C)_n \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; B is ~~an elastomeric block~~ copolymer polyisobutylene including a monomer $\begin{array}{c} (D)_m \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; A' is a thermoplastic block copolymer $\begin{array}{c} (C)_q \\ | \\ PRZ \end{array}$; m and n are each independent integers between 10 and 10^7 ; R is ~~an anion~~ oxygen and an element selected from the group consisting of a chalcogen, nitrogen, and

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phosphorus; and Z is a cation; P is a phenyl group, and RZ is present on over ~~0.7n+q~~ 0.7(n+q) of P.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Withdrawn – currently amended) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein Z is a cation compatible with R and selected from the group consisting of H, a lanthanide species, an alkaline earth metal and an ~~alkali~~ alkali metal.

15. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein R is SO₃.

16. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of: H, Cs, Zn and Na.

17. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein RZ is SO₃H.

18. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 1-99% of the total block copolymer.

19. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 5-90% of the total block copolymer.

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20. (Withdrawn) The copolymer composition of claim 12 wherein block A is present at levels ranging between 10-70% of the total block copolymer.

21-30 (Canceled)